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Marijuana Storefront Owner Pleads Guilty

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 26, 2010

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that James Dean Stacy, the former owner of the marijuana storefront “Movement In Action” in Vista, California, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court to felony manufacturing of marijuana. (Under federal drug laws, the term “manufacturing” includes growing and cultivating.) As part of his guilty plea, Stacy agreed to forfeit both the \$1,175 in marijuana proceeds and the semi-automatic handgun that agents seized from his store.

According to court documents, the felony charge arose from a September 9, 2009 Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) search of Stacy’s “Movement In Action” storefront, which uncovered 95 marijuana plants, marijuana-laced food products, \$1,175 in cash and an unregistered, fully loaded FEG, Model PA-63, semi-automatic pistol. Court documents indicate that DEA agents found another marijuana plant and three more firearms at Stacy’s home.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 7, 2011, at 10:15 a.m., before United States District Judge Barry

T. Moskowitz.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 09CR3695-BTM

James Dean Stacy

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Manufacturing Marijuana—Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1)

Maximum Custody: 20 years in prison

Maximum Fine: \$1,000,000

Maximum Term of Supervised Release: Life

AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration

San Diego County Sheriff's Department

San Diego Police Department

San Diego County District Attorney's Office